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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on November 21, 2002. Attached is a request for a one month extension of time to extend the period for reply to March 21, 2003. Please amend the application as follows: